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2004 Bechtel scholarship winners honored at reception

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Bechtel has awarded 16 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are sons and daughters of Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory employees. The recipients were recognized at a reception held in their honor in July.



BSII scholarship recipients:
(Boys, from left) Robert Couch, Devin Tanner,
Cort Pincock, Patrick Herring.
(Girls, from left) Skye Gombert, Kristie
Neeser, Shannon Searle, Kellie Webber.
(Not pictured, Nicole Harker)

Under two separate programs, scholarship recipients were selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and volunteer community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations stated in the application, and an independent appraisal.

The Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. selected the recipients for both programs. The scholarships can be used for one year of full-time

study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This year as in years past, children of INEEL employees continue to excel academically. In opening remarks at the reception, Paul Divjak, president and general manager, reported that in comparison to other Bechtel offices worldwide, the INEEL is awarded a high number of the scholarships each year. Bernie Sikorski, Human Resources director, acknowledged the students' personal achievements as well as their potential mentors from among the INEEL "professional family."

BSII Citizens Scholars Program

Bechtel Systems & Infrastructure, Inc. (BSII) Citizen Scholars Program offers 22 scholarships annually to graduating high school seniors who are sons and daughters of BSII employees. BBWI is part of the BSII corporate sector. Twenty awards are for \$2,000 each and two are for \$5,000. Local recipients were awarded nine scholarships under this program, including the top awards. The following lists indicate the student recipients, their INEEL parent, their chosen college or university and selected field of study.

Local winners of \$5,000 scholarships:

Patrick Herring (Steve Herring) – California Institute of Technology in Pasadena – physics, specializing in quantum mechanics

Kristie Neeser (Jonas Neeser) – Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C. – microbiology

Local winners of \$2,000 scholarships:

Robert Couch (Bradley Couch) – Utah State University – law

Skye Gombert (Dirk Gombert) – University of Idaho – psychology as her pre-med program

Nicole Harker (Marvin Harker) – Idaho State University – medical radiography program

Cort Pincock (Matthew Pincock) – University of Utah – pre-med

Shannon Searle (David Searle) – Brigham Young University-Idaho – musical arts

Devin Tanner (Terry Tanner) – Utah State University – biology in preparation for medical school

Kellie Webber (Frank Webber) – Utah State University – elementary education

Bechtel Global Scholars Award

Bechtel Global Scholars Award Program is offered on behalf of Bechtel Foundation to sons and daughters of Bechtel employees worldwide. Of the 26 students receiving the \$2,000 awards this year, seven went to local recipients.

Local winners of \$2,000 scholarships:

Sigrid Barklund (Rodger Barklund) – College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn. – biochemistry and music

Adam Luptak (Alan Luptak) – Rochester Institute of Technology in New York – new media design and imaging

Mindy Manning (Paul S. Manning) – Brigham Young University-Idaho – accounting



Bechtel Global scholarship recipients:
(Boys, from left) Mark Swenson, Nicholas Wasley, Adam Luptak.
(Girls, top down) Mindy Manning, Maryann Watkins, Sigrid Barklund.
(Not pictured, Bradley Tolman)

Mark Swenson (Michael Swenson) – Brigham Young University – history

Bradley Tolman (Jack Tolman) – Brigham Young University – computer science

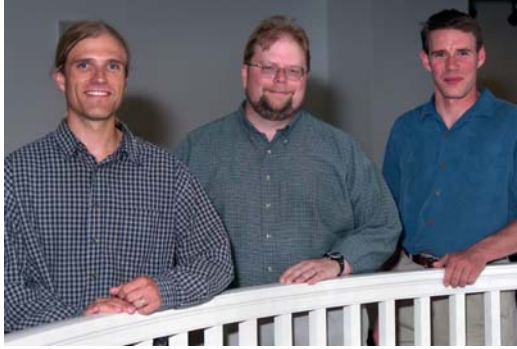
Nicholas Wasley (Scott Wasley) – Brigham Young University – mechanical engineering

Maryann Watkins (Arthur Watkins) – University of Idaho – microbiology

Computer Science Power Fellowship Awards

Included in the awards reception was recognition of three university students who received \$3,000 computer science scholarships.

The INEEL and the Department of Energy provide support and funding for this program. It was established in 1997 to recruit the best and most talented computer science students studying at three local universities, while offering accelerated technical experience during the summer at the INEEL. The intent is to develop valuable future employees in computer science-related fields.



The students selected to receive the \$3,000 Computer Science Power Fellowship Awards in 2004 are, from left, Dallas Despain (Utah State University), Steve Miller (Idaho State University) and Patrick Merry (University of Idaho).

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